



MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Regular Meetings: The First,
Second, And Third Tuesday
of each month

Regular Meeting

County Courthouse,
Bridgeport, CA 93517

April 7, 2009

9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Supervisor Bill Reid

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Vikki Bauer

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Hunt: attended Mono Co combined Mental Health, etc. meeting – discussed mental health services money that keeps flowing into Mono County; Money being well spent. Talked about Alcohol/Drug program – could be flooded with alcohol/drug offenders in next few years when they are released from prison; GBAPC district meeting – Owens Lake issues and district budget; First Five meeting – public hearing on Mono County Strategic Plan update; Judge at spelling bee contest in Lee Vining; Mammoth Lakes Housing Board of Directors meeting.

Farnetti: nothing to report – went on his semi-annual trip to the desert.

Hazard: Watched Trackless Snow Removal machine work – very efficient. Very small but can really move snow; All parts for this equipment are readily available – no back ordering. CSAC had discussion on whether to support the upcoming State ballot issues – decided to remain neutral. Senator Cox meeting re First Five Program; lobbied for Transportation Funds; update on Verizon issue re North end of County; cable from Mammoth to Bishop update; Met with Lt. Weber from Sheriff's Office – discussed many issues - LTC meeting, went late; CSA #1 meeting – updated group on County issues – cell phone, computer, landscaping issues; Crowley Lake RPAC meeting - GBAPC District meeting; Diversion Creek meeting in Sunnyslopes – presentation by Fred Stump from Fire District Long Valley; discussion re Fire Station bldg; Office hours in Benton – discussion on how money that was authorized for EMT's would be spent. Discussion/memo re Universal Health Plan of present presidential administration.

Invitation to attend meeting in Clovis; Very little input from reps from President Obama's office;

Bauer: Town/County Liaison Meeting; Town has made all cuts to balance budget; Hospital option parcel info; Verizon Optic Cable; Measure R applications being accepted; ESTA info; YARTS video conferencing issue – IT worked on this – trying to get them ready; Bauer does not want to have to make this drive in winter – she needs a video conference unit that she can use and get into office and use it. Passed new budget – two new Board Members with 3 member Board; AMTRAK issue working well; June Lake Visitors Center – community is happy to be working on this; June Mtn will partner with Visitors Center participants and they will work to make this center self funding; Joined Sierra Business Council

Reid: out of country – IMMMA Gov. Board meeting not a lot going on; awarded a bid for \$40,000 to do some of the planning – Board membership will stay at 7;

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

- 1) CAO Report regarding Board Assignments (David Wilbrecht)
Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding his

activities.

Continuing to do status meetings with Dept. Heads

Real Estate project in Hammil

Attended LTC on behalf of Supervisor Farnetti

Walker- lunch with Seniors and members of Lions Club and Frances Rich re use of Community Center.

Facility Coordinator position job description is being worked on by Public Works.

Mgmt meeting last week –

Working with Town on ERAF project

Received feedback on Town Parcel from Town (will be in Closed Session)

More employment contracts will be forthcoming

Report on parcels in Walker – will show report to Reid

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M09-59 A. Approve minutes of the regular meeting held March 10, 2009.
Hazard/Hunt 4-0 Abstain: Bauer

M09-60 B. Approve minutes of the regular meeting of March 17, 2009.
Farnetti/Bauer 4-0 Abstain: Reid

CLOSED SESSION Enter closed session: 9:03 a.m.

COUNTY COUNSEL

3a) Closed session - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: one.

3b) Closed Session for Hammil Property - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. Government Code section 54956.8. Property: APN 2520031. Agency negotiators: Dave Wilbrecht, Marshall Rudolph, Brian Muir, and Mark Mikulicich. Negotiating parties: Mono County and Danny and Valerie Maddock. Under negotiation: price and terms of payment.

HUMAN RESOURCES

4a) Labor Negotiations - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): David Wilbrecht, Marshall Rudolph, Brian Muir, Rick Scholl, & Robert Garret. Employee Organization(s): Mono County Public Safety Officers Association.

4b) Labor Negotiations - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): David Wilbrecht, Marshall Rudolph, Brian Muir, Rick Scholl, & Robert Garret. Employee Organization(s): Mono County Sheriff Department's Management Association.

- 4c) Labor Negotiations - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS.
Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s):
David Wilbrecht, Marshall Rudolph, Brian Muir, & Robert Garret. Unrepresented
employee(s): Child Support Services Director, Economic & Special Projects
Director.

Exit Closed Session: 9:50 a.m.

Break: 9:50 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES

Lynda Roberts, County Clerk: Received final HAVA payment; Foreclosure recordings – Jan.
– March 2008 35 default; 2009 – 76 foreclose; 2008 – 11, 2009-27; Notice Rescission 2008
– 7 2009- 7; Trustees Deed 2008 4 and 2009 14

Jeff Walters, Public Works: Report on fishing opener – condition of roads to various lakes,
streams as to snow removal progress; Yosemite National Park – should be moving to this side
of pass in two weeks – should be open before Memorial Day (at least a week) this year.

Brian Muir Finance Director: Treasury Pool investment report

PERS retirement is solvent at this time and not in danger of not being able to make retirement
payments. Bill Reid reports that he received a memo that someone is gathering signatures
trying to renegotiate retirement conditions/terms etc. Would be disastrous.

Scott Burns, CDD: update on workshops and schedules; blueprinting; Hwy 395 corridor plan
and land tender (on hold)

Evan Nikirk Public Works Director: construction of landfill closure will be starting next week –
contractor will start clearing and moving dirt next week.

CONSENT AGENDA

Hunt/Farnetti 5-0

PUBLIC WORKS

- 5a) Annual Inflation Adjustment to Waste Collection Franchise Agreements -
Consider and potentially approve County entry into proposed contract
amendment with D&S Waste Removal and Mammoth Disposal pertaining to the
annual inflation adjustment, and authorize the Public Works Director to execute
said contract amendments on behalf of the County. Receive staff report.
Provide any desired direction to staff.

Discussion on Hazardous Waste dumping; waiver of fees, cleanup day(s)

- M09-61** **Action:** Authorize the Public Works Director (in consultation with County
Counsel) to execute amendments to the primary waste collection franchise
agreements with D&S Waste Removal and Mammoth Disposal to adjust the
Service Fee Floors specified in Exhibit 13.01a for inflation.

Hunt/Farnetti 5-0

SHERIFF CORONER

- 6a) Authorization for Search and Rescue Operations - Proposed Resolution
Pertaining to Authorization for the Sheriff to Perform Search and Rescue

Activities.

- R09-11** **Action:** Adopt **Resolution R09-11** pertaining to authorization for the Sheriff to perform search and rescue activities.
Hunt/Farnetti 5-0

CLERK OF THE BOARD

- 7a) Mono County Fisheries Commission - Reappointments to the Mono County Fisheries Commission.

- M09-62** **Action:** Approve reappointments of Kevin Peterson, Ray Robles, and Robert Dunn to the Mono County Fisheries Commission.
Hunt/Farnetti 5-0

REGULAR AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

All items listed are available for review and are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board

CLERK-RECORDER

- 8a) Letter of appreciation from Wild Iris - Correspondence received from Wild Iris in appreciation of Deputy Sheriff DeGeorge.
- 8b) Board of County Commissioners, Esmeralda County, Nevada -
Correspondence received from Board of County Commissioners, Esmeralda County, Nevada concerning closure of the California Department of Transportation maintenance station at Deep Springs on CA SR 168.
Bauer asks if this matter should go on regular agenda. Will be put on future agenda.
- 8c) California Integrated Waste Management Board - Administrative Conference Workplan Update Status Determinations for the County of Mono Department of Environmental Health as the Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency.
- 8d) Inyo National Forest - Inyo National Forest's District Ranger, Jon C. Regelbrugge, is requesting input regarding Black Point Cinders Inc. proposed Plan of Operations for the Black Point Cinder Mine.
This matter will be put on regular agenda by CDD and Public Works Want comments from CDD and Public Works – and if possible will be on agenda next week. (CAO will handle this)
- 8e) Lynda Pemberton-Fourth of July Committee Chairman - Correspondence received from Lynda Pemberton, Fourth of July Committee Chairman/Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce President, regarding 1) Annual

Fundraiser Dinner held on March 14, 2009; 2) Bridgeport Memorial Hall.

Reid reports that this fund raiser was a huge success and a lot of money was raised.

- 8f) Connie Black, Director, June Lake Economic Development Committee - Correspondence received from Connie Black, Director, June Lake Economic Development Committee regarding Affordable Housing Mitigation Fees. ***Bauer wants to be sure that this is on Housing Authority agenda for May Booher will put on HA agenda.***

CLERK OF THE BOARD

- 9a) Wild Iris -- Child Abuse Prevention Month (**Laurie Hodge, Volunteer Program Manager**) - Proclamation designating the month of April 2009 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

- M09-63** **Action:** Approve proclamation.
(presented by Supervisor Tom Farnetti)
Bauer/Farnetti 5-0

Laurie Hodge, manager Wild Iris program on Child Abuse prevention and Maria Lourdes Gonzales Wild Iris Clinical Director, representing Sexual Assault Awareness month appear before the Board and explain what Child Abuse Prevention month means Activities regarding this matter within the community

- 9b) Wild Iris -- Sexual Assault Awareness Month (**Sexual Assault Prevention Program Manager**) - Proclamation designating the month of April 2009 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

- M09-64** **Action:** Approve proclamation.
(presented by Supervisor Byng Hunt)
Bauer/Farnetti 5-0

HUMAN RESOURCES

- 10a) Employment Contract (**Robert Garret**) - Consider and potentially adopt proposed resolution approving an employment agreement with Mary Booher and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment. (Note: Ms. Booher is currently employed as the County Administrative Office - Financial Analyst and the proposed agreement would simply continue such employment at her current salary). Receive staff report. One minor change was made to contract

- R09-12** **Action:** Adopt **Resolution R09-12** approving an employment agreement with Mary Booher and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of

said employment.

Bauer/Hazard 5-0

ELECTIONS

- 11a) Election Worker Compensation (**Lynda Roberts**) - Proposed resolution authorizing certain expenditures pertaining to election workers and designating the amount of compensation to be paid to election workers.
Wants board to establish new compensation standard for poll workers. State will reimburse us for this election and usually other entities are helping us pay for elections in future. At this time the problem place for poll workers is Mammoth Lakes in Suite Z and Community Center; have published ad in Mammoth Times – Lynda Romero has been calling potential workers; after Board Action today the clerk will advertise on radio, t.v. etc. Clerk is asking Board to change payment to hourly rate rather than flat rate to \$8.50 per hour for regular poll workers and \$9.00 per hour for inspectors.
- R09-13** **Action:** Adopt **Resolution R09-13** authorizing certain expenditures pertaining to election workers and designating the amount of compensation to be paid to election workers.
Hunt/Hazard 5-0

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 12a) Recognition of Andrea Mead Lawrence (**David Wilbrecht**) - Receive a brief report by David Wilbrecht regarding the passing of Andrea Mead Lawrence, former Mono County Board of Supervisor, who passed away March 31, 2009. Provide any desired direction to staff regarding Board's preference in recognizing Ms. Lawrence's contributions to Mono County.
CAO, David Wilbrecht addresses this matter. Asks Board what they would like to do.
Hunt: Feels Ms. Lawrence has contributed more than most to this county. Want to adjourn meeting in her honor. Need to go further than this and recognize her efforts. Perhaps naming one of new meeting rooms in Sierra Center Mall after her; or Mono Park at Mono Lake in her name; a proclamation, etc. could also be done.
Farnetti: agrees with Hunt, need to do something but consider the wishes of the family and what they would suggest. Support for Paramedic Program in some way; Hazard: agrees that something extra should be done – Andrea helped carry the Paramedic Program through difficult times – would like to consult family.
Bauer: would like to lead charge on naming a portion of new wilderness area after her. Would consult with family and ask if they would like her to pursue this.
Jeff McCulkin (Mono Lake Committee) April 19th will be the service and Mammoth Mtn will provide facility. Agrees that she should be recognized in a special way
Reid: has known Andrea for many years – was formidable adversary but over time a mutual respect was generated. They made each other better supervisors over the years. Agrees that something special should be done and especially likes the idea from Supervisor Bauer re naming a portion of Wilderness Area after her.
- No formal action **Action:** Receive report and provide any desired direction to staff. Supervisor Bauer will explore the Wilderness naming project.

Recess: 10:55 a.m.
Reconvene: 11:10 a.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 13a) **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funding Opportunities (Dan Lyster and Sarah McCahill)** - Receive presentation from staff regarding potential funding opportunities for Mono County under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).
- Introductory comments by CAO, Dave Wilbrecht. Types of projects/programs the Board feels would be important to seek funds for.
- Hazard wants to be sure that we look at any "strings attached" to these funds and what the impact could be on the county.
- Dan Lyster: want to be careful taking funds without thorough research; Public Partnership with public entity must be done with caution – keep support project general so that no one project is ruled unqualified for future; Too early in program to determine what Mono will be entitled to. Do we want to fund already in process projects or go for new projects.
- Sarah McCahill: Most of the funding is intended for programs already in existence. All counties are most interested in "more information" at this time – Mono County is also needing information as to how all this works. Looked at ongoing and "wish list" projects and now will prioritize the list;
- Comments by Board:
- Bauer: Some money is funded directly and that is the funds we should go for first; grant applications have "cycles" and we need to jump on board; YARTS is already getting grants;
- Hazard: Broadband interest – this is already moving forward and he asks that Brian Muir, Finance Director be involved in this; there is a \$10,000 planning grant; check is in trust; wants to keep broadband discussion alive; His district is asking for community centers, paramedics, and other requests that he has no information to tell his constituents – wants to be certain that Econ. Development jump in and get more information on this; Farnetti: Wants to maximize efforts on getting information – wants to have the opportunity to get what is out there for us. Wants Town to maximize efforts also;
- Hunt: information on how to work with Town and other entities –would like more ideas and start prioritizing and start to focus on several simple projects so that we do not lose momentum on this; really need to capitalize on this opportunity.
- Reid: very overwhelming – a lot of money; must be very careful in what we ask for and how we go about it – need a strategy – very complex and complicated; Go after Broadband money – that serves entire county – should be a high priority; District 4: Lee Vining-affordable housing; community centers are of great interest; (Walker Center is very crowded) and (June Lake and Benton, Hammil Chalfant also);
- Needs assessment should be handled internally and not go out to a grant for this – we can handle that; private industry is problematic in his opinion – would have to give that a lot of thought; have to be careful – this is most likely "one time" money – we have to look at ongoing cost.
- Hazard suggests that perhaps we look at a "temporary" employee that could assist the Econ. Development Department is gathering information - Bauer suggests that there are people that are already established that do Broadband projects – should get them onboard. CAO suggests that a contract should be put in place with these people. CAO reiterates Board wish lists.
- Tony Barrett, Town of Mammoth Lakes – comments on non-profit organization needs.
- Consultant is available to work with county. . Board consensus is to keep "GEO Geothermal Education & Outreach" on table and recognize it as related to stimulus package. Comments from David Harvey, director of GEO, who states that we need to create a criteria as to what money we seek and how it will be used.

Bauer feels that all non-profits should have opportunity to participate in this money;
Reid asks CAO to pin point "shovel ready" projects – need to move as quickly as possible with what we have; there are not a lot of projects that are actually "shovel ready".....ready for permits. Needs Assessments will be prioritized and a list will be presented to Board and we will put on table and figure out if a grant application is appropriate or another means. There are projects in Public Works that are ready but have no funds...these need to be identified. Goal is to put as much money in hopper as we can by acting earlier rather than later. Economic Development Department is responsible for moving this forward. First meeting in May.
Hunt feels that the biggest project should be developing criteria – should be in place for staff.
Hazard feels that where the county is today is good and that we are not behind at all. Wants to look at stimulus money but is not unhappy about the county's position right now.
Brian Muir: there are competitive grants for sworn officers – would be funded for three years and then County would be obligated to fund it for at least one year.
Gann Limit is affected by any project funding.

Action: Authorize staff to further research and prioritize potential projects to be funded under the auspices of the ARRA.
Staff is asked to bring information back to Board.

1:10 p.m. ADJOURNMENT this meeting is adjourned in memory of ANDREA MEADE LAWRENCE and GEORGE FOWLER. Meeting will reconvene in Special Session in Crowley Lake at 6:00 p.m. in the Crowley Lake Community Center

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